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SUBJ: PROPOSED HELICOPTER PLANT FOR SAN SALVADOR

REF: A. SAN SALVADOR 3667; B. KRUG (USDOC LOS ANGELES) DEPEDRAZO

TELCON OF 11/1/73

1. GUILLERMO ROEDER, GENMANAGER, INSAFI (GOES'S INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY) TOLD COMAT NOVEMBER 15 THAT HIS NOVEMBER 4 THROUGH 11 VISIT TO LOS ANGELES TO INVESTIGATE PROPOSED HELICOPTER PLANT INVESTMENT WAS "DISAPPOINTING FROM AN INFORMATION POINT OF VIEW", THE PRINCIPAL REASON FOR HIS VISIT. (REF A. AND B)

2. MR. ROEDER'S COMMENTS WERE AS FOLLOWS: "I WAS RECEIVED ON 11/5 BY ROBERT V. WELSH OF THE DEPT OF COMMERCE, WHO TOLD ME THAT SOME OF PATTERSON CORPORATIONS EXECUTIVES (THE LA JOLLA FIRM OFFERING THE HELICOPTER PLANT) WERE IN TROUBLE WITH THE JUSTICE DEPT FOR 'FELONIES.' BEYOND THAT HE DIDN'T GO. I GAVE MR. WELSH MY ADDRESS-BEVERLY RODEO HOTEL, ROOM 201, BUT HE NEVER CALLED ME. HOWEVER, ON NOVEMBER 7, THREE US OFFICIALS ASKED TO SEE ME IN MY ROOM AND I WAS SUBMITTED TO A ONE-HOUR INTERROGATION ABOUT THE GOES' DEALINGS WITH PATTERSON. BEING RATHER AMUSED BY ALL THIS IN VIEW OF MY PAST POSITION AS A SALVADORAN SECURITY OFFICER (AND CURRENTLY AN ARMY CAPTAIN), I ANSWERED THEIR QUESTIONS AND EVEN ALLOWED THEM TO TAKE PHOTOSTATS OF THE DOCUMENTS I WAS CARRYING. THEY WERE COURTEOUS. THE  
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MEN WERE MICHAEL A. BERTZ, ATTORNEY, SEC, L.A. REGIONAL OFFICE;

J.A. INGRAHAM JR., POSTAL INSPECTOR, L.A. AND A THIRD MAN WHO DID NOT GIVE ME HIS NAME BUT WHO WAS SURELY A TREASURY DEPARTMENT AGENT."

3. MR ROEDER SAID HE FELT THAT HE WAS BEING "INVESTIGATED", WHICH RATHER SURPRISED HIM AS AN OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GOES ON A MISSION WHICH HAD THE FULL SUPPORT OF PRES MOLINA, SINCE THE LATTER IS "VERY MUCH INTERESTED IN THE HELICOPTER PLANT BECAUSE OF THE MANY ADVANTAGES SUCH A VENTURE WOULD BRING TO EL SALVADOR."

4. MR. ROEDER IS AWARE OF THE PROHIBITION OF EXPORT US MILITARY MATERIAL WITHOUT STATE DEPT APPROVAL. HE SAYS THE PROPOSED PLANT WOULD BE "STRICTLY NON-MILITARY". HE INSPECTED THE PLANT EQUIPMENT, WHICH IS LOCATED IN 38 CONTAINERS STORED IN A SECURITY AREA OF THE SAN DIEGO PORT, ACCOMPANIED BY JACK MILLER, A PRIVATE CONSULTANT HIRED BY INSAFI. HE IS NOW AWAITING MILLER'S REPORT BEFORE RECOMMENDING ANY ACTION TO THE PRES.

5. APPARENTLY, THE PATTERSON CORP. REPRESENTATIVES WINED AND DINED MR. ROEDER ROYALLY, PAID ALL HIS HOTEL BILLS, PROVIDED HIM WITH A CADILLAC FOR TRANSPORTATION, FLEW HIM TO LAS VEGAS FOR 24 HOURS AT THE SANDS HOTEL AND EVEN TRIED TO PRESS A NEW WARD-ROBE ON HIM. HE REMAINED UNIMPRESSED AND BECAME EVEN MORE CAUTIOUS. HE STILL HOPES TO RECEIVE INFORMATION ON PATTERSON FROM US.

6. A POSITIVE RESULT OF ROEDER'S TRIP WERE FOUR NEW POTENTIAL JOINT US-GOES VENTURES, WITH A POSSIBLE US INVESTMENT TOTALLING \$4 MILLION: A HOT HOUSE COMMERCIAL-TYPE CULTIVATION OF TOMATOES AND PEACHES, A PLANT FOR CORDLESS TELEPHONES, A "DRAW-BACK" OPERATION FOR READY-MADE MAN'S CLOTHING AND A PLANT FOR PLASTIC FURNITURE.

7. COMMENT: IN VIEW OF STATE'S INTEREST IN ROEDER'S OFFICIAL INVOLVEMENT IN THE PROPOSED HELICOPTER PLANT, THE EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE AN URGENT RESPONSE TO ITS PREVIOUS REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING PATTERSON'S REPUTATIONS AND BONA FIDES.  
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